

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-14 are pending in the Application and are now presented for examination. Claims 4, 9 and 10 have been amended solely for the purpose of adding punctuation, and not for reasons relating to substance. No new matter has been added. Claims 21-26 have been cancelled, without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-14 have been allowed. Claims 1, 7 and 21 are independent.

*Claim Objections*

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 4, 9 and 10 are objected to as failing to end with a period. Claims 4, 9 and 10 have been amended accordingly. It is believed the amendments to Claims 4, 9 and 10 obviate the objections.

*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102*

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,883,894 to Patel *et al.* (“Patel”). Claim 21 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of this claim moot.

*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103*

On page 4 of the Office Action, Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,355,970 to Lor (“Lor”). On page 4 of the Office Action, Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in

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view of U.S. Patent No. 7,127,521 to Hsu *et al.* (“Hsu”). On page 5 of the Office Action, Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0032283 to Chen *et al.* (“Chen”). On page 6 of the Office Action, Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of Hsu and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,041 to Hurwitz (“Hurwitz”). On page 6 of the Office Action, Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of Hsu and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0174726 to Dove (“Dove”). Claims 22-26 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejections to these claims moot.

In sum, Applicants assert that the subject Application has now been put in condition for allowance. Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-14 have been allowed. The punctuation objections to Claims 4, 9 and 10 have been addressed herein, and rejected Claims 21-26 have been cancelled. For all of the above reasons, the claim objections are believed to have been overcome placing all pending claims (Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-14) in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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